Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A brake device having an actuator comprising:

a brake cylinder and a piston in and dividing the brake cylinder into an application pressure chamber and a release pressure chamber ;

an overflow valve connecting the two pressure chambers, the overflow value being opened at least during a portion of both transition phases between the application position and the release position until essentially a pressure balance exists between the two pressure chambers and is otherwise closed; and

ventilation and bleeder valves connected to the two chambers for pressurizing and bleeding the two pressure chambers, the ventilation and bleeder valves are closed ~~during the opening time of the overflow valve~~and the overflow valve is open during the pressure balance, and a pressure buildup or a pressure reduction exceeding the pressure balance in the two pressure chambers takes place by opening or closing the ventilation and bleeder valves.

2. (Previously Presented) The brake device according to Claim 1, wherein the piston is spring-loaded in the direction of the application position.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The brake device according to Claim 2 , wherein the overflow valve is opened until a fraction of a maximally achievable braking force or releasing force has been generated.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The brake device according to Claim 1 , wherein the overflow valve is opened until a fraction of a maximally achievable braking force or releasing force has been generated.

8. (Previously Presented) The brake device according to Claim 1, wherein the ventilation and bleeder valves are controlled by a control device for switching the valves.

9. (Previously Presented) The brake device according to Claim 2, wherein the ventilation and bleeder valves are controlled by a control device for switching the valves.